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1. The fundamental thesis of the Yugoslav leaders is that Communism must develop under specific forms applicable to the countries concerned, and the prerequisite for any collaboration along the Party line is the recognition of this principle by the USSR or the Communist Parties of other countries who will participate in the collaboration.
  2. Yugoslav leaders expect that a collaboration with the Soviet CP and the Chinese CP will enable them to prove that there are in Yugoslavia specific forms of socialistic development, e.g., the transition period from capitalism to Communism, which are different from the Soviet practice. They further hope that this might lead to the conclusion that the Soviet experience is not a universal dogma generally applicable to all countries and consequently that the Soviet interference in the development of socialism (meaning internal affairs) of other countries serves no useful purpose.
  3. The basic ideological bond is still strong and the Yugoslav leaders respect it and act accordingly as long as it does not represent a danger to their position.
  4. Yugoslav leaders believe there is a trend in the USSR toward a development along less bureaucratic and less centralized lines. However, they attribute this tendency to Soviet economic development. In addition, they consider that the Soviet leaders did oppose this for a long period of time. Under the pressure of "natural development" and "requirements of present social life" the administration of the USSR is developing along the lines of decentralization and less bureaucracy in spite of the resistance of Soviet leaders. Because of the great importance which personal views of leaders have in such a process, the Yugoslav leaders are skeptical about the length of time needed for the materialization of this process in the USSR.

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Comment: In foreign policy Yugoslavia, for ideological reasons, will refrain from joining international military or political organizations which would be anti-Soviet in character. If there were a question of applying the same principle in case of war, ideology would play no role in the decision.

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Comment: the materialization of hopes and expectations of Yugoslav leaders would be very far reaching and probably the greatest step ever made toward the world revolution. the fact that the USSR had monopolized the "development of socialism" kept many countries from applying Marxist doctrine because of fear they would automatically be exposed to Soviet interference in their internal affairs.

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